

PRODUCTIVITY AND INNOVATION RESEARCH SEMINAR 2024

“Bridging the Innovation and Productivity Gaps: Education, Skills and Economic Transformation”

June 19, 2024 at IDB COUNTRY OFFICE | Moderator: Mikhail-Ann Urquhart

08:30a **Registration**

09:00a **Welcome/Overview**

09:05a **Message from the JPC**

Tamar Nelson, Chief Technical Director, JPC

09:15a **Keynote by the Inter-American Development Bank**

09:30a **Break**

09:45a **IDB/JPC Grant Project Enabling Sustainable Productivity Innovation in Jamaica/The Caribbean:**

Climate Change, Conservation & Fisheries Productivity: A Case Study of Jamaica

Presenter: Asia Williams

Lead Discussant: Kayla Grant, IDB

10:25a **Education & Skills Development for Productivity Growth, Social Transformation and Sustainable Development**

Dr. Dillon Alleyne, *Honorary Research Fellow SALISES*

10:50a **Agriculture’s Digital Transformation in Jamaica: Adoption, Adaptation and Innovation**

Paige N. Samuels, *MPhil Student (Governance and Public Policy) at The University of the West Indies, SALISES, Mona*

11:05a **Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education: Navigating Challenges, Embracing Opportunities, and Shaping the Future by Dr. Sandra Sookra, Mr. Peter Poon Chong, and Dr. Andrew Hunte**

Dr. Sandra Sookram, *Director of the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies at the UWI St. Augustine Campus*

11:30a **Caribbean Culture and Productivity: The Hard Work**

Dr. Andre Vincent Henry, *Director of the Cipriani College of Labour and Cooperatives Studies*

11:55a **Group Discussion: Bridging the Innovation Gaps**

Sylvia Dohnert, *Private Sector Lead Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank, and Executive Director Compete Caribbean*

12:30p **Key Take Aways**

12:40p **Lunch**

Future of Work and Productivity Summit 2024

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June 20, 2024 at the AC Hotel | Moderator: Talia Soares

08:00a **Registration**

09:00a **National Anthem**

09:10a **Welcome**

Permanent Secretary Roberts Ridsden, *Ministry of Labour and Social Security*

09:20a **Keynote: Bridging the Gaps for a Productive Future**

HM Pearnel Charles Jr., *Minister of Labour and Social Security*

10:10a **Break**

10:20a **JPC Future of Work Survey**

Tamar Nelson, JP, *Chief Technical Director, Jamaica Productivity Centre (JPC)*

Mikhail-Ann Urquhart, *Senior Director, Research and Measurement, JPC*

10:50a **Productivity Partner Message: Driving Innovation for the Future**

Sylvia Dohnert, *Private Sector Lead Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank, and Executive Director Compete Caribbean*

11:20a **Decent Work and Productive Ecosystems**

John Blik, *Senior Specialist in Economic Inclusion and Sustainable Enterprise Development, International Labor Organization*

11:40a **Jamaica: Towards Better and More Inclusive Jobs**

Clemente Avila Parra, *Senior Social Protection Economist, World Bank*

12:10p **Building a Framework for Productivity Improvement**

Shullette Cox, *President JAMPRO*

12:40p **Lunch**

01:40p **Productivity in Jamaica, Past, Present, Future**

Senator Aubyn Hill, *Minister of Industry, Investment & Commerce*

02:15p **Giveaway**

HEART/NSTA Trust

02:25p **Building the Future through Cross Cutting Partnerships**

Moderator: Imega Brese McNab, *Board Director, JPC*

Diane Edwards, *Director, Professional Service, Mona School of Business & Management Consulting*

Michelle Chong, *Founder and CEO Honey Bun*

Marcos Siqueira, *Operations Lead Specialist, Public-Private Partnership, IDB*
St. Patrice Ennis, *President, Jamaica Confederation of Trade Unions*

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03:30p **Panel: "Upskill Workers Fast!"**

Moderator: Gillan Corroodus, *Divisional Director, Industrial Relations and Allied Services, Ministry of Labour and Social Security*

Yoni Epstein, *CEO and Founding Chairman of itel*

Wayne Chen, *President of the Jamaica Employers' Federation*

Maria Pilar Castrosin, *Operations Senior Associate, Public-Private Partnership, IDB*

04:30p **Close of Session**

04:45p **END**

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08:00a **Registration**

09:00a **Opening of Day 2**

09:10a **Empowering Transformation Resourcing for Productivity**

Omar Azan, *Chairman, Board, JPC*

09:20a **Keynote: People-Centre Productivity Development**

Dr. Hon. Norman Dunn, *State Minister, Ministry of Labour and Social Security*

09:45a **BREAK**

10:00a **Driving Productivity Workplaces with AI: Is the cost worth the benefit?**

Leslie Lee Fook, *CEO, Incus Services Ltd*

10:35a **Innovation for Resilience**

Dushyant Savadia, *CEO, Amber Group*

11:00a **Panel: "Inclusive and Effective Workspaces"**.

Moderator: Rhys Campbell, *Board Director, JPC*

Donna Duncan, *Group Executive Director, Culture & Human Development, JMMB*

Christine Hendricks, *Executive Director - Jamaica Council for Persons with Disabilities (JCPD), MLSS*

Henry Lewis, *Associate Professor in Behavioral Sciences, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, The University of Technology, Jamaica*

12:00p **LUNCH**

01:00p **Students of TODAY, in the workplaces of TOMORROW**

Moderator: Taneisha Mullings, *Chief Social Innovator, NexxStepp Lifelong Educational Services*

Dr. Kevin Brown, *Deputy President, The University of Technology Jamaica*

Professor Andrew Spencer, *President, Caribbean Maritime University*

Dr. Maurice McNaughton, *Director Sector of Excellence and Innovation, Mona School of Business & Management*

Dr. Taneisha Ingleton, *Managing Director, HEART/ NSTA*

02:00p **Human-AI Complementing Transformation**

02:25p **Giveaway**

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02:30p **PRODUCTIVITY INNOVATION COMPETITION AWARDS CEREMONY**

Competition OverviewTamar Nelson, JP, Chief Technical Director, JPC

Financing Innovative Solutions....Christopher Brown, *Development Bank of Jamaica*

Tertiary Productivity Innovation Competition Awards

Entrepreneur Productivity Innovation Competition Awards

Productivity Innovator of the Year Award

About Public Sector AwardsJonathan Isaacs, *Acting Senior Director, TASU, JPC*

Public Sector Productivity Competition Awards

03:50p **Acknowledgements**

Elon Parkinson, *Board Director, JPC*

03:55p **Productivity Video**

04:00p **End broadcast**